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SUBJECT: MODE - AGRICULTURE/FAS REQUEST TO ESTABLISH AN  
AMERICAN SECRETARIAL POSITION IN FODAG UNIT

REF: (A) ROME 18524; (B) STATE 259326

1. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL  
SERVICE (FAS) HAS REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A  
POSITION AT ROME FOR AN AMERICAN SECRETARY IN THE FODAG  
UNIT. CHANGE WOULD BE OFFSET BY ELIMINATING AN FAS  
SECRETARIAL SLOT AT BEIRUT, LONG VACANT.

2. JUSTIFICATION OFFERED BY FAS STATES QUOTE: THE  
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RECENTLY ESTABLISHED OFFICE AT FODAG, ROME, WAS TO BE  
SUPPORTED CLERICALLY BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER,  
THE VOLUME OF WORK PRECLUDES THIS FROM BEING A PRACTICAL  
OPERATION AND WE NOW FIND THAT ATTACHE ANTHONY CRUIT  
REQUIRES THE SERVICES OF FULL-TIME AMERICAN SECRETARY.  
THE TWO STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ARE FULLY UTILIZING THE  
TIME OF THE TWO AMERICAN SECRETARIES AT THE POST. END

QUOTE.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE POST CLARIFYING AND EXPLAINING FODAG RATIO OF AMERICAN SECRETARIES TO OFFICERS. RECORDS HERE INDICATE CURRENT TOTAL OF FOUR SECRETARIES TO FIVE OFFICERS WITH FAS PROPOSAL RAISING THAT TO FIVE AND FIVE. IN EITHER CASE RATIO SEEMS VERY HIGH GIVEN PRESSURE ON POSITIONS EVERYWHERE. MOREOVER, DEPENDING ON POST'S CONFIRMATION OF THE FODAG UNIT'S NEED FOR ANOTHER SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT WONDERS WHETHER AN FSL WOULD SUFFICE, IF NOT FOR AGRICULTURE PERHAPS FOR AID OR STATE SUPPORT. WE ALSO SEE EVENTUAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FAS DESIRE TO ADD ANOTHER US POSITION AT ROME AND COM RECOMMENDATION (CONFIRMED REFTEL A) TO ELIMINATE IN SUMMER 1978 AN OFFICER POSITION IN EMBASSY'S FAS UNIT. LATTER RECOMMENDATION IS AMONG THOSE DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY PROCESSING IN WORLDWIDE MODE REDUCTION EFFORT (CF STATE 66110).

4. WOULD APPRECIATE COM COMMENTS ON THE MERITS OF THE USDA/FAS REQUEST AND RATIONALE IN LIGHT OF FACTORS CITED ABOVE. DO YOU SUGGEST THAT ELIMINATION OF THE OFFICER SLOT BE A PRECONDITION FOR ESTABLISHING THE SECRETARIAL SLOT, ASSUMING LATTER IS JUSTIFIED? CHRISTOPHER

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